

# Psalm 2

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harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564

1. Why do the rest - less hea - then mad - ly rage?  
2. Though proud - ly now they raise their bat - tle cry,  
3. O peop - les, lis - ten to the LORD's de - cree,  
4. Take heed, O rul - ers of the earth, and hear;

What haugh - ty schemes are they in vain con - tri - ving?  
How vain is all their fren - zied op - po - si - tion  
For un - to Me He made this de - clar - a - tion:  
Be wise, O kings, and let His e - dict warn you.

The kings and rul - ers of the earth en - gage  
The LORD, who sits en - throned in heaven on high,  
"Thou art My Son, I have be - got - ten Thee  
Re - joice with trem - bling, serve the LORD with fear.

In rash at - tempts to plot their emp - ty stri - ving.  
Laughs them to scorn: He has them in de - ri - sion.  
This ver - y day. To Thee I'll give the na - tions.  
Now kiss the Son, lest He in fu - ry scorn you,

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They stand pre - pared, they all con - spire to - geth - er  
 Then He will speak in wrath and in - dig - na - tion  
 Ask what Thou wilt: Thy her - i - tage I'll make them;  
 Lest in His wrath the LORD cause you to per - ish,

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A - gainst the LORD and His a - noint - ed King.  
 And all their host will He with ter - ror fill:  
 Their lands shalt Thou pos - sess, both near and far.  
 For quick - ly kin - dled is His an - ger's blaze.

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"Let us," they say, "tear loose and break their fet - ters,  
 "I've set My King," so runs His pro - cla - ma - tion,  
 Lo, with a rod of i - ron shalt Thou break them,  
 But all who trust in Him the LORD will cher - ish;

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Cast off their chains, their shack - les from us fling."  
 "Up - on Mount Zi - on, on My ho - ly hill."  
 Dash them in pie - ces like a pot - ter's jar."  
 He will de - fend and bless them all their days.